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SUBJECT: Reinvestigation/Repolygraph Program

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Since becoming Director I have ~~been relentless in~~ ^{ad} stressing the importance of having a sound security program both within the Agency, and in the industrial arena. ^{of some employees} Following a review of the [REDACTED] I directed that increased emphasis be given to the Reinvestigation Program which had not previously been receiving adequate resources or high priority attention. The [REDACTED] case made clear to me that there was a need for a continuing program to identify potential security vulnerabilities or problems of a personnel security nature which could develop into an actual threat. I have very carefully reviewed the polygraph coverage, which is an integral part of the reinvestigation process, and I am satisfied that this is correctly a vigorous security effort properly focusing on the ^{security and} counter-intelligence issue. Repeating again what I have so often stated in the past, the unauthorized disclosure of ^{sensitive} information has become one of my major concerns. Since April 1977 we have been emphasizing the importance of ~~the Reinvestigation Program~~ ^{the Reinvestigations} Reinvestigation Program, with a view towards processing larger numbers of our employees, without in any way sacrificing the quality of the program.

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recent weeks make clear the utmost importance of a strong personnel security system. ~~(Please be assured that the Reinvestigation Program will continue to receive my personal attention.)~~ In my efforts to improve our overall security posture, this specific program definitely merits the support of Agency managers at all levels. ^{for it has uncovered security lapses.} I want all Agency employees, particularly first-line supervisors, to know that this program has my strong personal endorsement, and I encourage all of you to lend your cooperation and assistance to this important security endeavor. I urge all of you to adopt a ~~positive attitude and participate willingly in all aspects of the program for the overall good of the Agency.~~ I would like to stress that the Reinvestigation Program, ^{/Repolygraph} including polygraph, is simply an orderly and periodic review and updating of the clearances of all Agency employees, and it should not be viewed as coercive or threatening in any way.

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